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TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1916.

MAJORITY OF CITIZENS FAVOR BOND ISSUE PLAN

Mass - Meeting Overwhelmingly Votes to Complete Roads by Old Method Rather Than Pay-As-You-Go Plan.

An enthusiastic road mass-meeting was held in the Court House last Monday for the purpose of devising ways and means for completing the roads already commenced—close up gaps—building other new roads needed, and maintaining the roads hereafter built.

How to raise the necessary money—by increasing the road levy or by bond issues in the different districts, was the main question before the meeting. The sentiment of the meeting seemed to be decidedly in favor of bond issues.

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In a separate meeting of representatives of Jeffersonville district, a vote taken showed that 35 were in favor of a bond issue and only 4 votes for increasing the road levy.

Clear Fork resolved upon a bond issue sufficient to complete the roads laid out or called for in the original bond issue, and a maximum levy of 30 cents for maintenance.

The Maiden Spring representatives wanted nothing more. The remainder of their bond issue money and the regular levy, they say, will enable them to complete their roads with the convict labor, and maintain them. They failed to point out how the four or five miles of mud roads beyond Copenhave's to the Russell county line will be completed. It is said that a reconsideration of the action of the representatives of the Cove people in the meeting here, will likely be had and a vote taken on the issuing of bonds for completing this stretch of much needed road, which is the only mud hole not provided for in the Bluefield-Britsol highway.

The amount of the proposed bond issue for Jeffersonville district will be considerably over \$100,000, rnd a like amount will be proposed for the Clear Fork district.

It is proposed to have the present Tazewell county road law amended which will enable the people of the county to spend the money for roeds regardless of the highway commission.

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Committees were appointed to arrange for carrying the work forward, as follows: To select and decide where the money raised should be spent, get estimates, etc., of cost:

Jeffersonville district—A. St. Clair,
D. W. Lynch, K. D. R. Harman, Joe Riley, C. P. Harman, A. R. Beavers,
W. T. Gorell, Dan Thompson.
Clear Fork—Dr. L. J. Stump, R. S.
Mustard, A. St. Clair, E. K. Crockett, McTeer Saunders, T. L. Shufflebarger, B. P. Butt, Geo. A. Martin, and, E. V. Garrett, with C. J. Moss as chairman and G. A. Martin secretary.

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Road Law Amendments.

Messrs. T. C. Bowen, R. O. Crockand A. S. Higginbotham, with the Commonwealth's Attorney, were appointed to draft an amendment to the Tazewell road law, to be presented to the legislature now in session providing for increasing the county levy, and otherwise amending the road law of the county, so as to put the entire managment of the roads, etc., in the hands and under the supervision of home authorities.

Four citizens from each district were added to this committee. viz Clear Fork District—H. S. Bowen, E. K. Crockett, F. M. Moss, C. S. Minter.

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Maiden Spring—W. L. C. Burke,
M. F. Brown, S. J. Thompson and J.
G. Barns.

Bond Issue Petitions.

The following were appointed to circulate petitions for a bond issue:
J. S. Brownin, Pocahontas; S. P. Mustard, Abbs Valley; J. H. Wagner, of Bluestone; J. D. Billips, Tip Top; T. L. Shufflebarger, Cove Creek; Frank Cox, Gratton; Hiram Stowers, Burke's Garden; R. B. Williamson, Graham; I. H. Harry, Falls Mills, with C. J. Moss as chairman and G. A. Martin secretary.

GENUINE ECONOMY.

You Can Practice This Noble Art by Going to M. J. Hankins' Sale. Inferior goods are never cheap. No matter what they cost they are expensive, because they are bound to be unserviceable. This applies to merchandise of every sort.

On the other hand, good merchandise is never expensive if sold at a reasonable price. It is bound to give full satisfaction and value for overy penny of costs.

We never sell any merchandise that is not up to the highest standard in quality. For ten days our prices are considerably reduced, and mean genuine econemy to every purchaser.

See our big ad elsewhere in this paper.

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Reception by Daughters of the Confederacy.

Notes of Pounding Mill. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Beavers, of Wittens Mills, spent Sunday with Mrs. Beavers brother, J. T. Altzer and family. Mrs. Joseph Smith is visiting relatives and friends in Richlands today. Mrs. Page, of Richlands, and son, C. Johnson, of Nebraska, visited Mrs. Mrs. W. B. Steele and Mrs. Joseph Smith recently. These excellent people will return to Nebraska in a short time. Notes of Pounding Mill. BABY BEEF CLUB URGED FOR TAZEWELL COUNT State Live Stock Specialist Recommends Organization of Society Here—Rules and Reg-FOR TAZEWELL COUNTY

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Miss Eethel Williamson returned lest week from Driver, Va., and has resumed her duties as teacher of the primary grades in the school here.

Mr. William Witt, of Paint Lick, Miss Ada Pruett, a Richlands High school pupil, was here on Saturday looking after her uncle, J. T. Altiser's tsore and postoffice.

Rev. Nannie B. Osborne, of Princeton, W. Va., was visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Christian here today.

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Mrs. Frank Hurt, one of Wittens hiere the first of the week interviewing the merchants.

Mrs. George Thomas is quite ill, confined to her bed, from a fall on Monday. Her health has been very poor for sometime.

C. M. Hunter reports his wife as getting on nicely in the Richlands hospital and hopes she will be able to resum home by the last of the week.

Mrs. Warn, Ward has moved into the L. W. Ringstaff property near the station. Her son who has had rheumatism, is able to walk about some.

Misses Jessie and Mary B. Gillespie of Tazewell High School, spenithe week end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie.

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(4) The best kept record and written account of raising the calf.
Here is a chance for the boys and girls of Tazewell county to show the other counties what good bluegrass will do.

JAMES L. MONTAGUE, County Agricultural Agent.

Truning Fruit-Thees.

The time for oruning fruit trees is almost here. February and March are the months in which this work is usually done. Pruning is an art, and can only be accomplished by practice. However, a few simple rules should be followed:

Remove all dead limbs, and can be a second or the second of the second of

"The Store That Satisfies."

A Tribute.

Whereas, Mrs. George Buston passed out of this carthly life January 4, 1916, therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church, of Tazewell, Virginia, feells the loss of a member who has been faithful to its organization, and who was always a leader in every good work.

2. That to her beloved church she was indeed a "Mother in Israel," wisely instructing its youth, loyal in her sympathy and support and faithful in her attendance upon all Christian women, we commend her habit of so ordering the ways of her babit of so ordering the ways of her babit of so ordering the ways of her babit of so ordering the ways of her character was a "city set upon a hill," whose perefictions now shine with an act added beauty in the light of heaven's opened gates.

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5. That while wer ealize keenly our loss, yet we rejoice that dear Mrs. Buston has entered upon so rich an inheritance; and pray that God's spirit may prepare some younger woman, to bear her mantle worthity.

6. That we offer our sympathy and love to the bereaved family, with the hope that the comforter may be their open that these resolutions be published in our county papers, and also spread upon the records of our Womans Missionary Society.

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Editor the News:—I am glad to see from your paper that our county agnicultural agent has started one of the best associations that can be had in any county to raise the standard of the stock of the county, and especially the eattle.

We have good cattle in our county but they are far below the standard in general, and it is an outrage for such a progressive and prosperous cattle county as Tazewell of the their county as Tazewell of the their county as Tazewell of the state their cattle degenerate, instead of trying to improve them each year.

By the county association you can secure one breed or breeds of beef cattle, and by purchasing pure-bred sires can in the course of a few years have a uniform type of beef cattle, which will demand a much better price.

If you do not desire to practice in

The following were appointed to Wagner, of S. Brewnin, Peachants; S. P. Harrisson.

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Judge Kehy for Supreme Bench.
Bristol, Jam. 8.—Judge Joseph L.
Kelly, of Bristol, now a member of
the Virginia Supreme Court, was today strofigly endorsed by the Bristol
bar to succeed the late Justice Lamar
as a member of the Unitrd States supreme court. Judge Kelly, it is understood will be made Virginia's candidate. He is forty-eight years old,
and his record as a lawyer and jurist
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It is expected that the lawyers and
jurist of every city and town in
Virginia will join in presenting his
name to the president. A special
committee of Bristol lawyers was
ammed today to present Judge Kelly's
name, and this committee will invite
delegations from all counties in the
State to join in urging the appointment of Judge Kelly.

Those who know Judge Kelly, as
he is known here, are confident that
he would make an enviable record in
the high position for which he has
been suggested.

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Brownie Watts, the fast filly of Mr. Fred R. Steele, of Tazewell, was sold last week to Mr. A. S. Rodney, of Jersey City, for the sum of \$3,000. Representatives of Mr. Rodney were in the city yesterday to close up the trade and take the filly to Mr. Rodney's home in New Jersey. This is the largest price ever received for a horse in Tazewell county, if not the Southwest. Notwithstanding the fact, that Mr. Steele is \$3,000 better off this week than he was last, the parting with this fine young mare, just two years old, was almost like parting with some member of his family. Mr. Steele is receiving the congratulations of his friends.

GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS PROHIBITION LEGISLATION

Favors Strengthening Central Executive Power of the State If Will of the People is to Be Made Effective.

Richmond, Jan. 12.—Rigid enforcement of the prohibition laws, which are to be written into Virginia's statute books at this session, following the overwhelming approval of that policy by the people at the polls, a request that the hands of the government be strengthened in order to enforce prohibition, and a discussion of taxation, featured the message of Governor Henry C. Stuart to the general assembly, which convened in biennial session at noon today. In point-out the difficulties presented by the enforcement of state-wide prohibition Governor Stuart said:

"To assume that the local officers can and will, in all cases, perform their duties in this respect, is to shut our eyes to the experience of all other States where prohibition laws have been enacted. General disregard of law, lack of respect for public officials is an evil as great as intemperance tiself, and if we increase the former evil without decreasing the latter prohibition will prove a calamity and not a blessing. I, therefore, call your attention to the fact that the strengthening of the central executive power of the State is absolutely essential to the proposed enforcement of prohibition."

Noies of Abingdon.

Abingdon, Va., Route 4.,Jan. 5.—
Mr. Philip Reynolds, from Tazewell, spent Christmas with his homefolks near this place.

Mrs. J. E. Turley spent the day last Tuesday with Mrs. E. G. Turley.

Mrs. Ada Reynolds,, Mrs. Rose Reynolds and Mrs. James Rector, and others have been confined to their homes

ONE OF OLDEST CITIZENS IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Robert Witten, Age 74, Died At His Home West of Town on Wednesday Morning-Funeral and Burial Yesterday

Another of Tazewell's oldest and best known citizens has passed away, Mr. Robert B. Witten. He died at his home west of town on Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock, aged 76 years. The burial took place on yesterday in the family burial ground near his home. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist church, of which deceasawas a member.

Mr. Witten was twice married. The first wife was Miss Catharine Custer, who enjoyed the distinction of being closely reiated to General Geo. A. Custer, the famous Indian fighter of pioneer days. Mr. George Custis and Mr. Silas Custis, brothers to Mrs. Witten and one sister, Mrs. East, of Abingdon, Va., are the only survivors of the Custis family.

By this marriage there were nine children, namely Mrs. Rachel Whitley, Mrs. Pauline Graham, Mrs. Jennie Porter, Mr. J. W. M. Witten, a member of the House of Delegater; Mrs. Rose Charles, Mrs. Kate Watkins, and Robert, decensed.

The second wife, who was Miss Jennie Whitaker, of Smyth county, and six children, survive. The children are: Alexander, Andrew, Sidney, Cecil. Theodore, and Mrs. Nannie Medguire.

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Deceased was a son of the late Col. Wilk Witten, and grandson of the famous pioneer Indian fighter and hunter, James Witten, frequently mentioned in Bickley's history, whose remains are buried in the old cemetery on Plum Creek.

Of deceased family, there remains, Mr. John H. Witten, brother; Mrs. Jas, S. Peery, Mrs. Pauline Kelly, and Mrs. Lou Hicks, sisters of a large family of 13 children.

Mr. Robert Witten was a man of undoubted integrity and great strength of character. He did his own thinking, and was a clear-headed, sensible and mins taking man. At his home he was the soul of hospitality and kept open house and a cordial welcome to all who perchance, by invitation or otherwise, came his way. He leaves a good record. His children rise up to bless and honor his memory. The pall-bearers were:

A. J. Higginbotham, O. E. Hopkins, S. T. Witten, H. S. Surface, H. P. Brittain, C. P. Harman.

A simple burial service was read at the grave, prayer was offered and the remains of Robert Witten were laid to rest beneath the sod of his native valley, and his grave covered with many beautiful floral tributes

A Card of Thanks.

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We desire to express our thanks to those who were so kind to us, and so liberal in extending their helping hand in our recent bereavement, occasioned by the unexpected death of the husband of Mrs. Margaret Hagar, which has made her home dark and dreary. He was a good husband and father and we will miss him.

John S. Thompson and Wife.

Mrs. W. A. Millard is here on a visit to her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Millard.

Jas. C. Lawson and family have moved to Idaho. His mother, Mrs. Litz, has moved from Utah to Mc-Comas, Idaho.

Ladies suits as low as \$5.00 at The

Isaiah, the prophet, and his friend, Cooper, of Falls Mills, greeted us pleasantly on Monday, and loafed around in our office for sometime. C. E. Byrd, also a Falls Millsite, was to see us.

Honor Roll Tazewell High School.

Primer—Dorothy Johnson, Helen
Johnson, Robert Brooks, Mary Heldreth.

First Grade—Sam Thompson, Banc
Vandyke, Naomi Burcham, Jack Barnett.

Grade 3—Ida Jones, Elsie Whitaker,
Mary Campbell, Mollie Roach, Isa Atwell, Virginia Gillespie, Eugene
Thompson, John Ellis Jackson, J. J.
Greever.

Second Grade—Jack-Hawkins, Glen
Gillespie, Clarence Roach, Lettie
Whitt, Ellen Peery, May Atwell, Nollie Yost, Nancy Ward.

Fourth Grade—Luclla Barnett, Francis Witten, Marcie Yost, Jessee Me,
Call, jr., Charles Jones, jr., Oscar
Kincer, McDonald Mullin.

Section B—Kate Johnson, Dorothy
Hanwkins, Annella Greever, Louisa
Witten, Mildred Hawkins, Dan Lynch,
Jr., Phillip Roach.

Section A—Cecil Barnett, Recec
Johnson.

Seven B—Grace Johnson, Macie
Firts Year High School—Albert MeCall, Ruth Jenes, Mary Moore, Annis
Creekett, Eloise Peery, Dorothy Scott,
Ethel Patton, Virginia Peery, Robert

May Hatman, Glenn Van Dyke.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE



Ask About Ou Free Chair

An Important Event That Offers Many Saving Opportunities. Beginning January 20th

Truly, this is an era of great plenty. January promises to be a month of fine business. The country has never enjoyed such at wave of genuine prosperity, and conditions undoubtedly will continue good. I must make ready for bigger Spring business. Therefore, this TEN DAY JANUARY SALE, which will commence on January 20. Dont forget the date.

Note These Prices

great many bargains that space Some \$5.00 Shoes will be sold for ______\$1.98

GROCERIES.

Kerosine Oil, Sale Price, ... 10c
51b Hygein Coff'se, Sale Price, \$1.25
Arbuckles Coffee, per 1b ... 20c
Good grade loose coffee, 1b ... 20c
Luxury, 11b pkg. coffe, price, 16 2-3c
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Good Quality Peneches, 12½ value,
Sale Price, ... 8 1-3c
Lenox Soap, 7 cakes for ... 25c
Glean Easy Soap, 6 cakes for ... 25c
Glean Easy Soap, 6 cakes for ... 25c
Milk, 3 cans for ... 25c
One lot wash boards, sale price, ... 19c
One lot 2 and 3 quart enamel
Coffee pots, sale price, ... 19c
International Stock Food, 50c size,
Sale Price, ... 30c
International Stock Food, value
25c, Sale Price, ... 15c
PREMIUMS FREE.

PREMIUMS FREE. I wish also to call your attention to the nice premiums I am giving away with cash purchas-es. Ask for the tickets.

I have several dozen pairs of shoes, mostly mens, that I must move to make room for Spring I will also have also have a es on these Shoes.

W. Whitley